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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MARSHAL DIMITRI USTINOV TO POLAND

1. SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER DIMITRI USTINOV LED A SOVIET MILITARY DELEGATION ON A CEREMONIAL TOUR OF POLAND FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER 9-16 WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS, SHIELD-76.

2. THE GROUP WAS IN KATOWICE AND OPOLE SEPTEMBER 17, WHERE THEY VISITED THE SUDETEN ARMORED DIVISION OF THE POLISH ARMY. ON SEPTEMBER 18, GIEREK PRESENTED USTINOV WITH THE ORDER OF THE CROSS OF GRUNDWALD, FIRST CLASS, FOR HIS DIRECTION OF THE SOVIET DEFENSE INDUSTRY DURING AND FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II. USTINOV ALSO RECEIVED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE MILITARY TECHNICAL ACADEMY. HE PAID AN OFFICIAL CALL ON PREMIER PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ. A POLISH GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI, ATTENDED THE

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FAREWELL CEREMONIES SEPTEMBER 19.

3. COMMENT: IN THE EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT SHIELD-76 WAS
LARGELY CEREMONIAL. RATHER THAN A WARSAW PACT MANEUVER,
SHIELD-76 WAS A SERIES OF SET PIECE DEMONSTRATIONS CAL-
CULATED TO CREATE THE BEST POSSIBLE IMPRESSION OF POLISH
AND WARSAW PACT CAPABILITY.
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